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Ooh you're ugly!

Comedian Greg Morton from Los Angeles checks out a student's identification at After Hours' comedy night on Jan. 24.
Photo by Jeff MacKay

Resignations at SAC

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

At least three Student Administrative Council (SAC) members resigned Tuesday, Jan. 30.

SAC cancelled its weekly session Wednesday, Jan. 31 as it lacked a quorum — a result of the resignations.

"It's a sad day," says Lou DiMattio, SAC liaison. "They've stepped down to pursue their academic studies 100 per cent."

A fourth member might also be resigning. "One is in negotiations with their instructor," says DiMattio.

According to the SAC constitution, all members of SAC must obtain at least a 65 per cent academic average cumulative for the term in order to remain on council.

DiMattio didn't want to comment on identities, but SAC President Bren Biggs said Wednesday afternoon, "You'll know very soon." She said details would be confirmed today.

Carol Boettcher, vice-president of community and learner services and board of directors member, had no comment on the resignations because she had "not received them yet."

"First and foremost they are students...it is difficult to maintain the SAC/student balance," said DiMattio.

The board of directors will meet Tuesday, Feb. 6 to decide how to fill the vacant positions.

There are four different means to replace SAC members:

•appoint student representatives. There are three student representatives that sit on council.

•hold a byelection.

•give the position to the runner-up defeated in the election.

•leave the position vacant.

Biggs said the Feb. 6 meeting will help "figure out as to where do we go from here.

"I'm not resigning, despite rumors," she said.

"My resignation is expected," said Lyndon Johnston, vice-president athletics affairs.

Johnston said although it was academic reasons for his resignation, a large part of it was the amount of time that SAC demanded and the "serious problems with the constitution."

If SAC decides to run a byelection, Johnston said he would run. "It'll make it fun."

"This was a most excellent group," said DiMattio.

Before the events this week, there were nine SAC members including President Bren Biggs, Executive Vice-President Paula Dempsey, Vice-President Internal Affairs Mark McNiven, Vice-President External Affairs Mike Matowski, Vice-President Social Affairs Scott Verhoeven and Vice-President Athletics Lyndon Johnston.

This is not the first time in SAC history members have resigned. In November 1994, former SAC President Bernie Kurek resigned. Kurek was replaced by second-year Journalism-Print program student Jason Graham who resigned in April 1995 to take field placement.

In March 1995, Vice-President of Internal Affairs Dawn Swayze was removed by council members for violating the SAC constitution.

Members needed

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Board of Governors is looking for new members.

The Board of Governors approved a protocol for the selection of three new governors at the meeting held Jan. 11.

Two governors — Kathryn Mamo, a student representative, and Domenic Caruso — will be leaving the board on Aug. 31 since their terms are ending.

A third governor — George Repar, an elected administration member, will be retiring.

Ian Mole, an appointed governor, outlined the protocol review which will be looking for two men from the Niagara business community. The board wants to keep an even number of men and women members. At present, there are five men and five women.

A number of segments of the business community are to be considered for the selection of the new members, including trade, the greenhouse industry, and the tourism industry.

The board will also be looking for representation from either Lincoln, Niagara Falls or Fort Erie.

Elections for the position of student representative takes place March 4, 5 and 6.

No walkout at Niagara

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, college and university students from across Canada will be pointing fingers at the federal government.

But, Niagara College students will not be there.

"The colossal cuts which are being announced by provincial governments are brutual consequences of a reduction in transfer payments by the federal government," says Guy Caron, national chair of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) in a press release from Ottawa.

The CFS represents more than 400,000 students in 65 colleges and universities across Canada. Niagara College isn't one of them.

Niagara College is a member of the Ontario Community College Student Parlimentary Association (OCCSPA). The organization is a bilingual lobbying and networking group for college students. The association represents more than 138,000 students in Ontario.

OCCSPA deals with matters of common concern such as tuition and student safety.

"The 1995 budget, and all the Tory budgets before are the direct cause of the reactionary social policies adopted by the Klein government in Alberta and the Harris government in Ontario," says Caron.

The CFS say they would like to see federal Finance Minister Paul Martin collect outstanding corporate and individual taxes which reach into the billions. This would compensate the masssive cuts to post-secondary education and other social programs.

Bren Biggs, president of Student Administrative Council (SAC), says two major reasons Niagara College is not a member of CFS is because the organization focus is mainly on the universities and membership costs are more expensive. "CFS charges $14 per student for membership whereas OCCSPA charges only 65 cents per student."

CFS also deals with issues at a federal level unlike OCCSPA who deals with mostly provincial issues as they apply to community colleges.

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How do you chase away the winter blues?

ADRIANO FERRERI

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

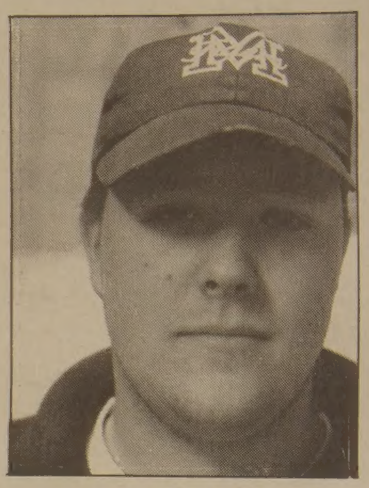
Adriano Ferreri, 21, a first-year student in the Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film program, says he likes to play ice hockey on the pond at Woodlawn Park in Welland to keep warm.

NASRA ABDI

"I stay close to the fireplace," says Nasra Abdi, 21, a second-year Computer Programmer student. She says it helps to have somebody to keep you warm.

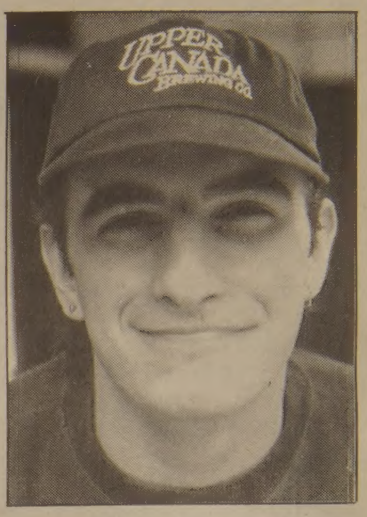
JULIE LACROIX

"I'm not sure how we do that — I'm still working that out," says Julie Lacroix, 30, a student in the Dental Assistant program. Originally from Australia, Lacroix says the novelty of snow has worn off now that she's into her third winter here.



RICH SAWATSKY

Rich Sawatsky, 19, a first-year Construction Engineering Technology program student, says he spends most of his winter in arenas. "I coach and play hockey," he says.



ADAM KIESWETER

"I curl up with a good book," says Adam Kiesweter, 20, a first-year Journalism-Print program student. He says winter is also the season to spend a lot of time with his friends.

Computer program 'magnitudes better' than traditional

By JENNIFER MITCHELL
Staff Writer

The future of education is alive and well in Lundy Room 14 at Niagara College.

A remedial math class, taught by computer is "magnitudes better" than traditional methods, says Willard Wright, a professor in the Human Relations program.

The need for a remedial arithmetic program at the college was indicated when employers received graduates who couldn't perform basic math skills.

"Niagara College is moving away from teacher-centred education to learner-centred," says Wright.

Wright, a Niagara College professor for 28 years, says he had been teaching remedial arithmetic and was not satisfied with the methods that were being used.

Hoping to find a computer-taught math program, he contacted math teachers in North America using the Internet. The most promising answers he received were that one was being developed.

A Welland high school principal solved his problem. The high school was currently using a computer taught math program for students with difficulties in math.

Wright contacted AutoSkill International Incorporated of Ottawa, which holds the copyright, and discovered that the program he was looking for was available and already in use in the public and secondary schools.

The Ontario Ministry of Education owned the right to use the computer program in its remedial math classes.

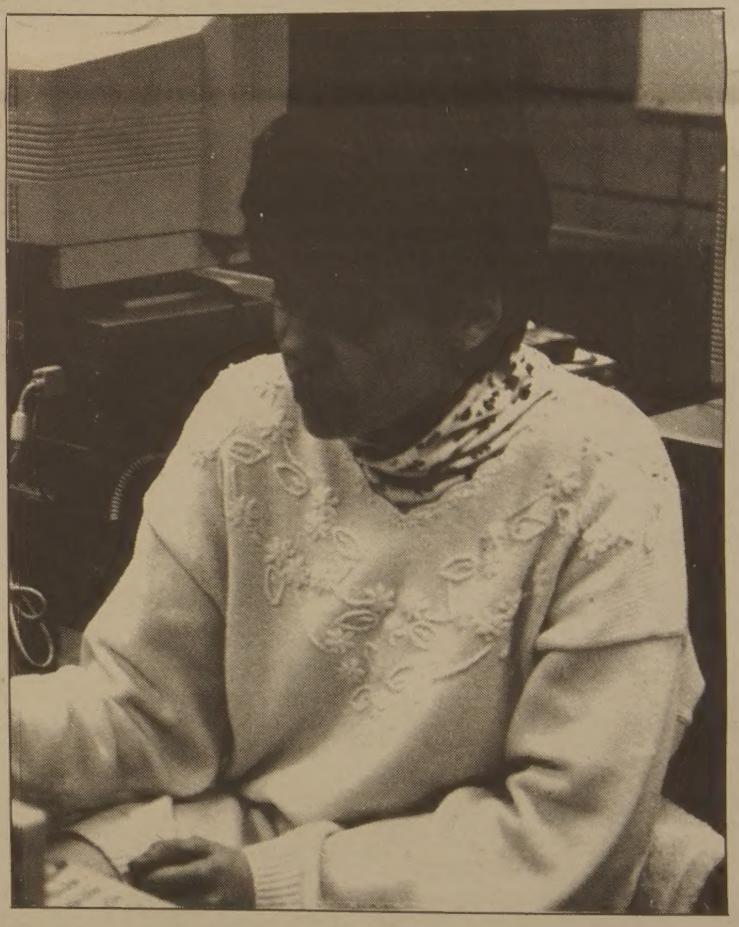
With the support and assistance of David Schleich, Niagara College's vice-president academics, and Beth Weldon, the college's director of Management Information Services, the price for the system was negotiated with AutoSkill and the system was installed in the Lundy Room computer lab.

Students pay about $60 to the bookstore for the password to access the system.

Instruction in numeration, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions is included. It also has the capabilities to teach equations, measurement, geometry and graphs but the 72 students of the Human Relations program do not learn these topics.

There are eight levels of difficulty in each component. The components are further divided into tutorial, which explains each section that will be taught in the component, terms, which defines the perminology used, operations, which poses numerical questions, and Problems, which poses word questions. To complete each section (except tutorial) there are three consecutive tests, in which the student must attain 80 per cent to move onto the next level.

Willard says he approves of the change from teacher-centred classes to learner-centred classes.



Kathy Fretz, 24, in her first year of the Human Relations program, works on her math assignment at the computer in Lundy Room 14.

Photo by Jennifer Mitchell

Teacher-centred classes, he says, are structured according to the teacher's schedule. Learner-centred education has classes structured to be convenient to the learner.

The needs of non-traditional students (adults, continuing education) are often different than traditional students and there should be a method of instruction that encompasses every learner.

"The beauty of the program is that students can complete the lessons at their own pace," he says.

Since starting the class in September 1995, he said feedback indicates the students like the class.

Often a student will come to him and tell him they know the math.

He sets the student up at the eighth level of each component and if they pass all the tests then they have completed the math course. Some students have completed it in a few weeks, he says.

He says the program is in its pilot stage as this is the first time in Canada it has been used to teach an entire course.

The program experiences a drawback when a student lacks self-discipline. As there is no teacher pressure, students who don't apply themselves often panic at the end of the term when they only have a portion of the work completed.

"Students are now in charge of their education," Wright says. "As you (the student) are considered an adult when you enter the college, you should be responsible for completing assignments."

Wright says he can see the application of learner-oriented education in many subjects. He will be retiring this summer and says he hopes his successor will continue with the computer-instructed math program.

International networking through CCETC

By DEAN MICHEL
Staff Writer

First Thailand, now China.

Niagara College's Centre for Environmental Training will form a four-year partnership with a college in China pending Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) federal funding approval.

The proposal to CIDA calls for the creation of a Canada-China Environmental Training Centre (CCETC) in Qinhuangdao, a port city three hours from Beijing.

If accepted, the venture will have a budget of $340,000 over the next four years.

Niagara College's contribution to the CCETC will be sharing curriculum, developing seminars and providing training resources to Chinese professionals.

Jon Ogryzlo, director of the Niagara College Centre for Environmental Training, says the proposed venture excites him.

"We would be developing curriculum that would be provided as training materials for promotion right across China," Ogryzlo says.

Niagara College shares an alliance with Brock University and Thailand's Burapha University to promote environmental programs in Thailand. CIDA committed $912,000 to the project, begun in 1994, and continues until 1998.

Ogryzlo negotiated the China proposal while in Beijing to speak at the International Symposium on Environmental Education last November.

"I think China has considerable environmental challenges. It is experiencing rapid industrialization," says Ogryzlo. "They have environmental legislation in place but it is not being enforced strictly. We will be concentrating our efforts in this area."

He says he expects other Canadian colleges and environmental agencies to contribute to the proposed partnership.

"We will look at inviting other colleges in Canada to share their resources through the China centre. In the long run we hope to establish a focal point for the transfer of knowledge between China and Canada."

While admitting language will be an obstacle, Ogryzlo says culture is a greater challenge to the partnership.

"With international projects the challenge is to work with the country's individual requirements. If we try to impose the Canadian model on China it won't work.

"We have to be very flexible. Sometimes flexibility is a challenge because we know that although the model works for us in Canada, it might not work for them."

The CCETC proposal provides an opportunity for Niagara College to expand its international network, Ogryzlo says. He also recognizes the potential for business ventures within that network.

"One of the primary things we're doing is making companies, authorities and governments aware of what Canadians have to offer. As in the Thailand project, we will be making our Chinese colleagues aware of Canadian environmental technologies. The Chinese people are very friendly and hospitable. They are very interested in what Canadians do."

Ogryzlo says he expects a "positive" funding response from CIDA later this month.

"Let's face it, environment is not a regional issue or a national issue — it's a global issue. The more international projects we take on, the more we can affect the global environment," Ogryzlo says.

"I am very pleased about that."

A 'beautiful land' explored through film

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Newfoundland native Noel Harris is investigating an issue that is close to his heart — and his home.

Harris, 34, a third-year Broadcasting Radio Television Film program student, is producing a 15-minute documentary on why so many Newfoundlanders move to Ontario.

The film's working title is *Newfoundland: Where is Everyone Going?* Harris says the documentary needs to be done for prosterity's sake. He says the issue covered is current and "very Canadian."

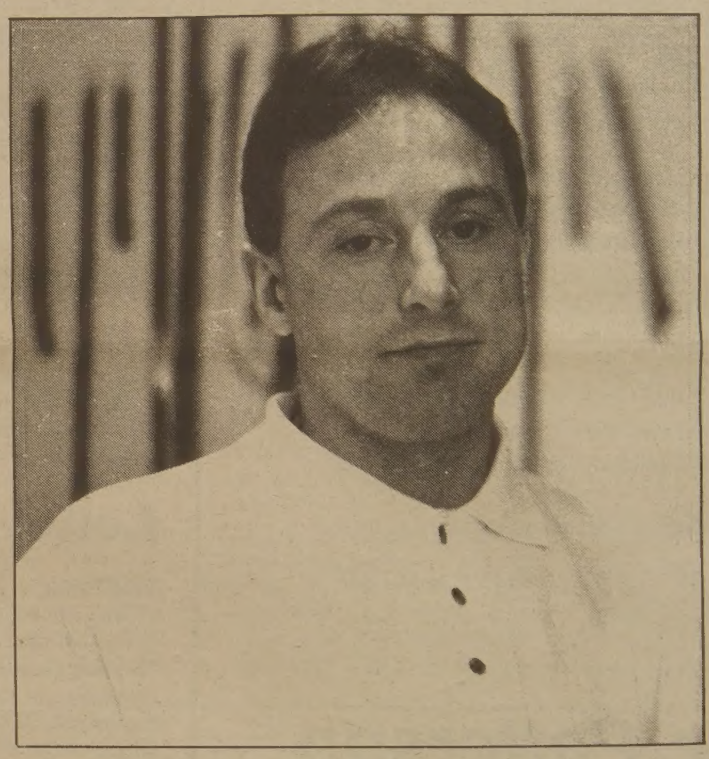
Harris says Newfoundlanders have a distinct culture. The people are gregarious, kind, and fun-loving.

He says they have established themselves as hard-working citizens in Ontario.

The film will be based largely on research acquired in the Cambridge area where almost one in five residents is from Newfoundland. Harris and his crew are also looking forward to travelling to "the Rock" (Newfoundland) to do filming.

He estimates the production will need $1,500 for plane tickets and $500-$600 for spending. He says the college is "tight-lipped" about how much money it is providing for the film, but that he will have to do much of his own fund-raising.

After Newfoundland joined Canada in 1949, the first core of Newfoundlanders came to Ontario and for them it was like coming to a whole new country. At first, they kept to their own kind, Harris says, but began major contributions to the Cambridge community through the Newfoundland Club of Cambridge.



Noel Harris, a third-year Broadcasting Radio Television and Film (BRTF) program student.

Photo by Teresa Armstrong

The Newfoundland Club is a major player in Harris' research. The club was built and funded entirely by Newfoundlanders in 1976, and has given more than $1 million to community projects.

Harris, wrote and directed last year's top-picked student film "Less Manly." He says documentaries are harder to produce because there is no casting call and the people involved are not actors, but real people. They have to be filmable, not just talking heads, he adds.

Harris has had to play a number of roles when he directs films. He has learned to become an organizer, a fund raiser, and an effective communicator.

People tend to think of documentaries as boring, he says, but if it is made well, it can be as good as any drama.

Although the film is still in pre-production, (Harris is still researching), he is interested in talking to families who have been split up after moving to Ontario. He expects their stories will be very "heart-felt."

Harris has made Ontario his home since beginning college three years ago, but says he would "like to see everyone in Canada go to see Newfoundland, the beautiful land, and the great people."

An 'Edge' will help with the new economy

By RON WOLF
Staff Writer

There's a course at Niagara College that's on the edge — The Enterprising Edge.

The course, open to students in their graduating or second year at the college, started this month and will operate for one semester.

Students will learn "to be more enterprising in creating their own jobs, part of which could be to start their own businesses," said Larry Cote, first-year Business Administration program co-ordinator.

"In the future, and the trend is already here, there will be more contract type of employment so that people probably won't just have one employer, they will have three or four."

In the future, those who have graduated from Niagara or have associated themselves with the college, will be able to take this course at a discounted rate from the full fee, said Cote.

Those who aren't associated with the college will be paying a premium price for the course "because it is quite different," he said.

Some of the topics in the program include the legal side of small business, the financial aspects of starting a small business and effective communication.

"The course is very exciting because it's helping students motivate themselves for real world experiences — and the reality of the new economy."

"Also, students must be more enterprising and able to take responsibility in their careers and creating their jobs," said Beth Schier, an Enterprising Edge instructor for evening classes.

Third-year Business Marketing program students who are taking The Enterprising Edge course have

'It's fascinating...' -Warden

good things to say about it.

"It's fascinating. I'm definitely learning a lot in the three classes we had. I tribute that mostly to the teacher (Cote)," said twenty-nine year old James Warden.

"I find it a lot different than other courses I've taken, it's a motivating course. I would recommend it to anyone who is interested in taking it," said Marie Lachance, 21.

Christine Tweedie, 23, says course opens up your mind to different ideas.

"This is one of the best courses I've ever taken," said Mark Sim, 23.

"It (The Enterprising Edge) tells you about the real world and what's going on. I think it's going to prepare us well for the coming few years."

College President Dan Patterson says The Enterprising Edge is a worthwhile course to take.

"It is much more than a course. It is a series of learning units that create new career opportunities for everyone at Niagara College. Given the importance of entrepreneurship in the new economy, the opportunity to learn about self-employment is critical for students at Niagara," Patterson said.

"Not only do we endorse it at a college, but also, Nuala Beck, one of Canada's leading economists, endorses our initiative," he added.

The Enterprising Edge course is offered during the day and at night.

There are 20 seats open during the day and 40 seats open at night. It is offered as a general elective to students.

The Enterprising Edge course is replacing the Entrepreneurship course at the college.

Upon graduating from The Enterprising Edge, students will receive a statement of achievement along with a general college diploma, said Cote.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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Tory antics will affect thousands

Despite having a majority government, the Tories should have more carefully studied Bill 26 before railroading it through the legislature earlier this week.

This bill contains provisions that even many Tory MPPs don't know what's in it and how it will affect thousands of people.

Mike Harris' Tory government and the omnibus Bill 26, with some amendments, will change 47 laws, giving unprecedented powers to the provincial government and its bureaucrats.

Some of the changes you can expect to see are user fees charged to seniors and the poor for prescription drugs, municipalities having the power to charge user fees for an array of services, and possible privatization of some services such as garbage and public transit.

It also gives the provincial government power to close hospitals as they see fit around this province (even though Mike the Knife promised not to touch our health care).

I think the scariest part of the passing of this bill is the fact that so many people were against it and it was still passed and also the fact the Tory government itself does not know what the ramifications will be as a result of this speedy process.

Harris should be careful of the toes he steps on because maybe next time the polls won't be so kind to him.

PATTY MALLAIS

Best of luck Mr. Patterson

An editorial is designed to persuade or educate.

Well, since we believe it is impossible to educate the educated, persuasion is the only alternative.

To Niagara College President Dan Patterson, we beg you! If the college's vested interest is truly the students, then allow them to assist you in this college's future.

With the student population increasing, student tuition increasing and the cost of parking and books going up each year, the student population is bound to become more vocal as time goes on.

However, with the introduction of a new president comes a better understanding (we hope). A better understanding of the students, their programs and the classroom environments in which they are taught.

When we got wind of your selection to president, word around campus was excellent from your peers. Comments such as "he's done good things," "he's an excellent choice," were overheard in hallway conversations.

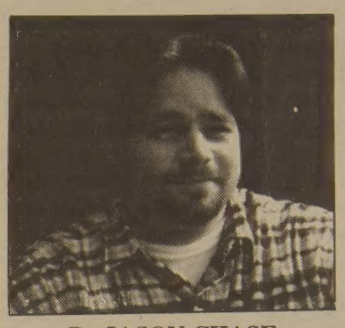
We only hope the same can be said, if and when you depart from your tenure here at the college.

Best of luck, we don't envy your challenge.

Here's some advice to editors in general, the next time you decide to publish a photograph of a person responsible for announcing cutbacks, or job losses, please use discretion when choosing your photo.

RON CROWLEY

Kormos seeks NDP leadership



By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

Peter Kormos is seeking the leadership of the Ontario New Democratic Party (NDP), and with him at the controls, it could be one wild political party.

Bob Rae stepped down from the NDP as leader and one name came to my mind — Kormos. The former Ontario consumer minister and newspaper pin-up, who was a thorn in Rae's side on many issues, has stepped forward from the shadows of the back bench where Rae had sentenced him.

That flame of opposition Kormos had for Rae could be the ticket Kormos needs to take control of the party.

People who fell in love with Rae divorced him by electing a Tory government. Kormos is the best guy for the party to catch on the rebound to help send their party into overtime.

After five years in power, the NDP almost completely fell out of the political spectrum, and for them to be reborn, the NDP need a leader like Kormos.

The Welland-Thorold MPP may be able to catch the attention of the younger generation and improve party and union relations. The greatest downfall for the NDP occurred when the unions backed way from Rae.

With Kormos at the helm of the NDP, the party stands a chance to win the next election. It will only be a two-way race between the NDP and Liberals. The Tories and Mike Harris will fall victim to their own knife and fade away.

I can almost see the advertising campaign now for Kormos: I envision a man in cowboy boots hitting the campaign trail much like the Lone Ranger out for justice for the people of Ontario.

He will make another appearance in that Toronto paper as a pin-up boy. I see Ontario falling in love with Kormos much like Canada did with Pierre Trudeau.

This might all be wishful thinking, but I'm sure there are a few other people who will also be sharing this dream.

I could always use a few more Kormos (RAE) Days.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Why is there still war in our world?

The column in the Niagara News of Jan. 26 by Victor Zaniewski, "Nothing Noble About War," was very well written and I hope many students thought about his remarks for a few minutes. We are almost reaching the year 2000 and by now the evolution of the human race should have outgrown the idiocy of war.

However, the reality of today is that there are more than 30 countries in our world that have some sort of warfare going on. Maybe we concentrated our media attention more on the Vietnams and the Gulf Wars of this world because of the more obvious North American involvement in these wars. But the end of the "Cold War" left our global society with a lot of confusion and regional power struggles.

As a staff member of Niagara College I was glad to see Victor express some of the students' concerns with the glorification of warfare. War is pure horror and nothing else. And all sides of a war suffer, not just the losers.

I have lived two years in Mozambique in Africa, while a 10-year civil war destroyed the country. It is hard to describe what I have learned during those two years, but just try to imagine yourself as a 14-year-old boy or girl killing people every week.

One of the reasons for continuation of wars is the fact that the majority of our global society is unaware of them or chooses not to think about them. That is why the United Nations is so powerless in preventing or solving any of them.

Niagara College's International Education Department will offer our regional community an opportunity to learn more about the question why there is still war in our world.

On Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Hamilton Room of the Welland Campus you can attend a presentation of Dr. James Orbinski, who worked as a relief worker during the wars in Afghanistan, Somalia and Rwanda.

He will give his perspective on wars of today based on some of his experiences. After his presentation we offer the audience the opportunity to ask questions to Dr. Obinski and to three other panelists, all students at Niagara College that come from a war affected country. You can make reservations for this event in our office in the Hennepin building (ext. 7738).

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PERSPECTIVES

The Trojan Horse and its fall

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
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When Russia, all too willingly, withdrew from East-block nations, it left behind a system assuring in perpetuity Russia's sphere of influence.

Prophetically, Russia forecasted the first elected government was destined to fail and the reforms would not be received warmly.

A country, which in its prime, spent about 30 per cent of its annual budget on military expenditures.

Moscow envisioned the transformation of these countries into military giants. However, the years of supporting these countries proved to be too much of a burden for Russia.

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About the time Reagan's Star Wars was unveiled, the Russian vaults rang empty. Their problems were further compounded by an unsuccessful campaign in Afghanistan.

In a cunning web of deceit, subtly spun about the international community, Yuri Andropov, then chief of KGB, the architect of the peristroika, used Mikhail Gorbachev as a mere icon presentable to the West.

Peristroika is the means by which Russia will close the technological gap between itself and the West.

KGB's instructions to its representatives in satellite countries were to stay away from politics for the time being. Let the initial government make the necessary but unpopular decisions.

By next elections these socialists, registered electoral victories in Ukraine, Latvia, Hungary and Poland.

At the same time Eastern European countries tried to get into NATO and European Community (EC).

Russia didn't stop its expansionism, but merely delayed it.

In Russia, the changes in eastern Europe are seen as temporary, the goal of which is to strengthen Russia economically and militarily. Allowing former east-block countries into NATO and EC, respectively, would assure both.

In the game of international politics, the Russians are gambling that none of these countries break away permanently.

It happened in the Czech Republic — where former communists were banned from politics and government positions.

Arguably a very undemocratic thing to do, but one could hardly call any of the eastern-block countries democratic until they separate all of their ties with Russia, and rid themselves of the menace that shakes the foundation upon which democracy can be laid.

Beware of cops on power trips

By ERIN PINCHIN
Staff Writer

Cops are supposed to be there to protect you, to help you as a member of society when you are in some kind of danger.

They have the power, the training and the knowledge to make sure people in your community are protected.

What happens when one of them puts you in danger?

What happens when a cop takes the power he or she has in society and uses it against you, to harm you or scare you in some way?

What prompts these questions is a real life event - nothing has been created. It happened.

A woman, who managed a business, had an employee quit.

The employee's husband — a cop — entered the workplace, threatening the manager's life in front of other employees.

Rather than back their employee they fired her. Why? They didn't want to work with an unhappy employee especially one whose life was threatened by a cop.

Don't think I'm anti-police. That's far from the truth. But when, as in this case, one of my relative's lives is threatened by a cop, it changes the way I feel.

Not all cops are corrupt or unable to control their tempers. Maybe this is just an isolated incident. The fact it happened is scary enough. Cops are supposed to protect society, not threaten it.

You often see made-for-television movies on Monday nights in which a person lays charges against one cop, all other cops are out to get that person because they've gone after "one of their own."

It's reassuring to know the Peel Regional Police aren't following that stereotypical "one of our own" line of thinking.

The Peel Regional Police Department didn't seem to care another cop was being accused of uttering death threats.

They wanted to make sure the woman would be safe. She was asked if she was afraid for her life or for her families' lives. Protecting the victim, in this case, is what mattered for the officers — not protecting their fellow officer.

The cops were trying to convince the woman it had already gone past the point of not causing problems. Threatening one's life, cop or not, is no laughing matter. Something had to be done. End of story.

Regardless of what might have happened to make this cop lose his temper and make a death threat, it's reassuring to know cops don't always stick together when one of their own is in the wrong.

Groundhog Day faces reality

By JENNIFER TURNER
Staff Writer

The groundhog has nothing to do with predicting the weather on Groundhog Day.

Just because a groundhog pops out of his hole and gets a glimpse of his shadow on Friday, Feb. 2, doesn't mean dreaded winter will remain six more weeks. It is actually just a silly superstition. Spring is caused by the tilt of the earth on its axis. The degree of the tilts also causes summer, winter and autumn.

The seasons depend on angles. The bigger the angles between the sun and the earth's surface means winter, which means short, cold days. A more acute angle means summer, which means long, warm days. Spring and autumn are what happen on the way from one to the other.

Spring means letting loose after being seized up all winter and spending more time lounging outside. Smelling the warm, breezy scent of new-cut grass and fresh growth blowing against the face. Inhaling the fragrance of lilacs. Seeing tall sunflowers unfold and lawns covered with yellow dandelions and leaves starting to bud.

A red-chested robin hops across the lawn as birds sing sweetly high in the trees. The days grow longer and the warm, bright sun rises in the clear, blue sky as the temperature does. Butterflies open their brightly-colored wings.

Windows are left open to hear the laughter of young children playing street hockey and neighbors cheerfully bond by asking to borrow a gardening tool. School begins to wrap up. Heavy clothing and snow shovels are put away.

Beauty, bright colors and new life awaken. People look forward to suntanning, swimming and tall, refreshing glasses of iced tea in the summer.

Don't notice that shadow behind you, Mr. Groundhog, just in case that superstition is true.

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Anorexics want perfect bodies

It ends up altering their whole way of life

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Anorexia nervosa involves the loss of at least 25 per cent of a person's normal weight. In this pursuit of the perfect body, the person is affected physically, mentally and socially; in summary, it alters the whole way of life.

Anorexia occurs mostly in women but about five per cent of sufferers are men.

HISTORY OF ANOREXIA NERVOSA

The concept of women purposely going without food, or fasting, is not a new phenomenon.

During the medieval time period, fasting was considered necessary to become spiritually fulfilled or to obtain holiness. Many female saints were known for going days without food in their quest. Very few male saints fasted to this extent.

This idea that fasting was necessary lost favor during the 17th and 18th centuries.

Before anorexia was defined as a disorder in the 1870s, it was considered a symptom of other illnesses.

In the past, women fasted for spirituality; in the modern world, they do so to meet society's standards of what beauty is.

SYMPTOMS

At first, a person with anorexia appears to be like any other dieter who is being careful of what she eats. The difference is seen when she continues to behave this way after normal dieters have returned to a more flexible diet. She rarely eats any food and may spend more time playing with it to give the illusion that she are eating. After a few bites, she will claim she is full.

The anorexic will enter extreme exercise programs, in some cases spending up to three or four hours a day exercising. The length of time spent exercising depends on how much food she ate that day.

Physically, the quality of her hair, skin and nails will change with the loss of nutrients to the body.

The hair will become brittle and thin, the nails will break easily and the skin will become dry and scaly.

Cavities and gum disease will occur because of a lack of calcium.

The anorexic will experience dehydration, muscle cramps, fatigue, and low blood pressure and body temperature.

The long term effects concern almost all of a body's major functions — the heart, the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels, muscles and bones, the reproductive system and the brain.

Health problems may include kidney failure, osteoporosis (loss of bone density), infertility, intellectual decline, and chronic bowel impairment. Death may also result from complications.

Psychologically, the anorexic will have an intense fear of becoming obese — even at 80 pounds — and may become hyperactive, have difficulty thinking and stop all social activities.

The anorexic may suffer from depression and her family and social relationships may become dysfunctional or stop.

The driving force of this disorder is the desire to be attractive and accepted by society. With a noticeable weight loss, it is ironic that the anorexic also loses her physical attractiveness.

This information comes from the National Eating Disorder Information Centre and Controlling Eating Disorders with Facts, Advice and Resources by Raymond Lemberg, Ph.D., 1992.

Warning Signs

- **Excessive concern about weight, shape and calories**
- **Unusual eating habits**
- **Irregular menstruation or loss of periods**
- **Depression or irritability**
- **Guilt or shame about eating**
- **Strict avoidance of certain foods, particularly those considered fattening**
- **Feeling fat when not overweight**
- **Noticeable weight loss in anorexia**
- **Frequent weight fluctuation in bulimia**

If you recognize any of these symptoms in yourself or someone you know, please read the these stories. There is help available.

Bulimia Nervosa used to fill emotional needs

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
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Bulimia nervosa is a disorder where food is used to fill emotional needs. The problem usually starts in late adolescence or early adulthood.

It is characterized by frequent weight changes and periods of binge eating followed by purging, the abuse of laxatives and excessive exercise to rid the body of calories. For those who have been doing this process for a long time, merely thinking about vomiting makes it happen.

The desire to binge may last minutes or hours. It could come on suddenly or be planned. For some people, it becomes a daily habit. They will be very restrained in their public eating habits but when alone, they will eat huge quantities of food.

Bulimics usually keep this disorder a secret.

The abuse of laxatives is another way of ridding the body of food. As tolerance to this method builds, the bulimic may resort to 100 doses a day.

The physical effects of bulimia go beyond the weight loss. Because of the methods used to rid the body of calories, the bulimic will experience sore throats, mouth and gum ulcers, dry and cracked lips, and tooth decay. They may also have to deal with constipation, fatigue, weakness, generalized swelling and salivary gland irritation. These are signs of more damaging problems.

The bulimic becomes more isolated as the binging and purging requires more time and energy. They will make excuses to be alone and when prevented from purging, anxiety and panic will occur.

Unlike anorexics, bulimics realize what they are doing to themselves is abnormal so they will usually keep this disorder a secret.

They usually see themselves as less attractive, less capable and less interesting then everyone else. To compensate, they will try to reach perfection in everything they do.

The bulimic is afraid of anger and won't express it in the early stages. As the disorder progresses, however, they will become more irritable and hostile. It may develop into rage because they feel unloved, unappreciated and abused.

What starts out as a way of being noticed soon results in driving people away.

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Society's ideal body image not realistic for the average woman

Putting on weight is natural

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
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The myth of having a perfect body is constantly at battle with the reality of achieving one. Self-esteem is very important, no matter who you are or how you look — it's what's inside that matters.

From early childhood, girls are bombarded with the idea that to be successful, they must be thin. To meet this demand, they will take many steps from simple dieting to getting serious eating disorders.

The National Eating Disorder Information Centre states that 90 to 95 per cent of eating disorder sufferers are women and that almost 90 per cent of Canadian women have some degree of dissatisfaction with their bodies. They also state that over 80 per cent of women have dieted before age 18, that 40 per cent of nine-year-olds have dieted and that little girls as young as three, four and five have shown an interest in dieting.

Eating disorders usually begin between 14 and 25 years of age. Of those in that age group, one per cent suffer from anorexia nervosa and four per cent suffer from bulimia nervosa.

It is unrealistic for many women to be a perfect copy of a fashion model. Some people can no more help being overweight than others can being short.

Perfect models are 5'8" and weigh 115 pounds. The average woman is 5'3" and weighs 144 pounds; models weigh 23 per cent less than the average woman.

Putting on fat is part of growing up. Girls put on weight when they become women and women put on weight as they have children and age. Putting on weight is a natural bodily function, so why must they punish themselves for doing what comes naturally?

With files from the National Eating Disorder Information Centre

Men also hostages to the body beautiful

Men turn to exercise rather than diets

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
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Because anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa are considered by society to be women's diseases, male sufferers feel they must remain silent about their feelings and so do not generally seek help.

According to the Bulimia Anorexia Nervosa Association, as of 1992, five per cent of anorexic sufferers were men. Because of this small number, research into this aspect of eating disorders has been limited.

Just like women, men are concerned with how their bodies look. Some men think they are required to be slim, athletically built, perfectly formed and muscular. Women turn to dieting to control their bodies, yet men tend to turn towards obsessive athletic behavior, an activity rarely questioned.

Certain professions require men to stay thin if they want to stay employed — jockeys, swimmers, wrestlers, models, dancers and flight attendants, among others. These men may go into strenuous exercise routines to lose weight, not to become or stay fit.

Going to such lengths is mentally, as well as physically, harmful.

If they feel they have failed the norm, it could lead to feelings of defeat and low self-esteem.

With files from the Bulimia Anorexia Nervosa Association.

PETS PETS PETS

Food, water and shelter important for proper pet care

By JENNIFER MITCHELL
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When it's cold, windy, or wet, outdoor pets need extra attention, and pets that go outside should be carefully monitored.

The most important matters to consider are shelter, food and water.

SHELTER

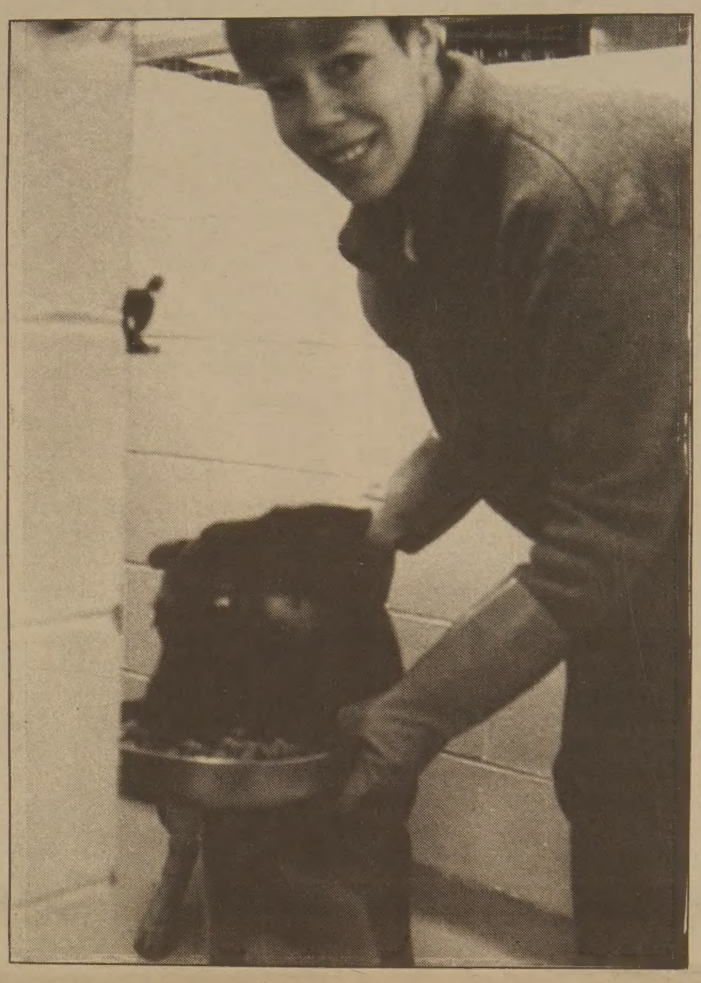
In the cold months, outdoor animals must have unrestricted access to suitable shelter.

For the outside dog this means an insulated doghouse with warm, dry bedding. If blankets are used as bedding, they should be clean. Dirty blankets do not insulate as well as clean blankets do.

If straw bedding is used, a new bale for the winter is recommended. Used straw doesn't provide warmth because the hollow straw shaft (which provides the insulation) is crushed. When putting the straw in, fluff it up well to provide maximum warmth.

Jodi Hartin, veterinarian assistant at the Port Colborne Animal Clinic, suggests that a flap of material be hung over the entrance to the dog house. "The house should be raised off the ground and straw or other insulating material be placed underneath," she adds. On very cold days perhaps you could bring the outside dog inside overnight.

For outdoor cats you could consider a cat door or bringing in cats overnight when it is cold out. Cats also need warm, dry shelter if they stay out all day.



Jill Baldin, an animal health technician at the Welland Humane Society, gives an abandoned German Shepard his dinner.
Photo by Jennifer Mitchell

FOOD

Keep fresh food available for outdoor animals all day or feed your pet twice per day. Many animals need to eat more in cold weather to keep their body temperature up.

WATER

Maintain a container of fresh water for the animal in a sheltered area. Make sure the water stays unfrozen.

OTHER PRECAUTIONS

Keep windshield-washer fluid, de-icer, and anti-freeze out of pets' reach. These liquids have a sweet taste and animals are attracted to them. For a cat a tiny amount of the liquid (a teaspoon) can be fatal.

Keep animals on a leash or in a fenced area. Icy roads and poor visibility in the winter cause hazards for drivers trying to avoid pets and pets trying to avoid drivers.

Clean road salt or sand from pets' paws if they travel on the road. These substances dry out paw pads and cause them to crack.

Do not allow dogs to travel in open truck beds in winter. The weather is often too cold for this amount of exposure.

"[The idea of] dogs riding in the back of trucks is ridiculous," says Frank Ampson, manager of of the Lincoln County Humane Society. "If the dog can't ride in the front leave him at home."

"Before starting your vehicle in cold weather, thump on the top of the hood (engine compartment), or blow the horn," says Alex Glen, manager of Niagara Falls Humane Society. Cats will often climb into the engine compartment to sleep near the engine's warmth. They can get caught in the fan belt and injured or killed.

Consider a sweater for thin-furred animals or pets that are used to house temperatures.

Old, infirm, and very young animals should have limited exposure to the winter cold.

If your pet's fur becomes wet or damp, dry your animal well when it comes inside.

When you tie your animal outside, make sure its rope or chain will not tangle. The best method for tying a dog outside is to attach the leash to an overhead cable (like a clothesline) so the leash is free to run back and forth. When tying the dog, remember always use a leather or nylon collar, never a choke or pinch collar.

Consider providing entertainment for housebound animals. For dogs plain bone chewing can be excellent entertainment. Setting up a window seat and installing a bird-feeder near the window can provide excellent entertainment for indoor cats.

Area Humane Societies tightening adoption procedures

Questionnaire used to screen potential adopters

By STEPHANIE BONNER and JENNIFER MITCHELL
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Adopting a pet from the local humane society is not just a matter of picking out the perfect family addition.

Humane societies around the Niagara region are tightening their adoption procedures to lessen the likelihood an animal is placed in an unsuitable home.

When a potential owner first goes to a humane society to adopt, the applicant must complete a questionnaire and sign an adoption agreement, said Janette Gaboury, a kennel attendant at the Welland Humane Society.

The questionnaire — which asks if the adopting owner will have the pet spayed or neutered, if the new owner has other pets, and if the pet will be kept indoors or out— is used to screen potential owners. A signature agreeing to fix the animal is required for the adoption to proceed. Gaboury said if the agreement isn't signed, the individual will not get to adopt.

As of Jan. 1, 1996, a new adoption policy took effect at the Niagara Falls Humane Society. Rather than leaving the responsibility to fix the pet with the new owner, animals are now fixed prior to being adopted out. "When people got the animal home, they weren't getting it done," said Alex Glen, manager. "We hope it will reduce the number of unwanted pets in the long run."

Following the questionnaire or interview, the Humane Society of Lincoln County in St. Catharines holds a "meeting" between animal and adopting owner, says Frank Ampson, manager. In a viewing room, a staff member observes how the animal and owner interact. If a family is adopting, it is recommended all attend, especially children. "Some animals aren't good with kids," said Ampson.

Often, a humane society employee is sent to the new home and a property inspection is conducted, said Fiona Hodgetts, kennel attendant at the Fort Erie Humane Society. The inspection ensures an animal picked up from one poor environment isn't placed in another.

If the screening procedure proves the petitioning owner fit to adopt, adoption fees are collected. Fees to adopt a cat from most Niagara humane societies are between $15 and $30, depending on whether the cat is already fixed or not. Dogs are slightly more to adopt, costing between $25 and $40. Fees cover the cost of necessary shots. At the Niagara Falls Humane Society, adoption is priced at $40 for cats and $55 for dogs, to cover the cost of pre-adoption spaying or neutering. Prices for rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters vary.

Welland Humane Society mascots greet visitors at the door.
Photo by Jennifer Mitchell

PLAYING . . .

Wintercourse participants try to carry the earthball to victory.
Photo by Debbie Cunningham

Greg Morton, a comedian from Los Angeles, picked a few good jokes for the After Hours crowd on Jan. 24.
Photo by Jeff MacKay

POKING . . .

Biscuit (left) and Beavis strike a pose for Wintercourse points in the airband competition.
Photo by Jeff MacKay

SINGING . . .

Finton McConnell of the Mahones outside of After Hours.
Photo by Ron Duguay

These three animals won the airband contest at After Hours with a song from **The Lion King**.
Photo by Jeff MacKay

JOKING . . .

Kingston band the Mahones try to keep warm while playing on After Hours' patio.
Photo by Ron Duguay

SPORTS

Women you decide- a win, a loss or a tie

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
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Boy, it was a close game.

The Niagara College women's basketball team dodged a bullet again, as they escaped with a 47-45 win over Ancaster's Redeemer Royals at Niagara on Jan. 27.

The Royals took the game's first two points within four seconds, but Niagara quickly tallied with two points when Manie Roy scored off a rebound.

This contest was low scoring with the teams exchanging leads many times. The game was tied at 2 during the first five minutes of play, until Redeemer took a lead. Niagara's Penni Toneguzzo stole their lead which then again tied the game.

Each time the Royals took a lead, the Knights would tie the game, and each time Niagara took the lead, it was countered by the Royals.

Toneguzzo went down with a severe sprained ankle putting her out of action for the day, leaving Niagara with one substitute on the bench.

The game was tied 20-20 at halftime.

Second-half action was much the same with the Knights showing a tough defence and an inability to finish the plays.

Shelley Holden hit a shot from downtown giving Niagara a 41-39 lead with five minutes left.

The Royals took another lead with a minute left in the game, but Holden set up Roy for the deuce — with two seconds left — and the win.

Niagara's stifling defence helped a less-than-brilliant effort from the offence.

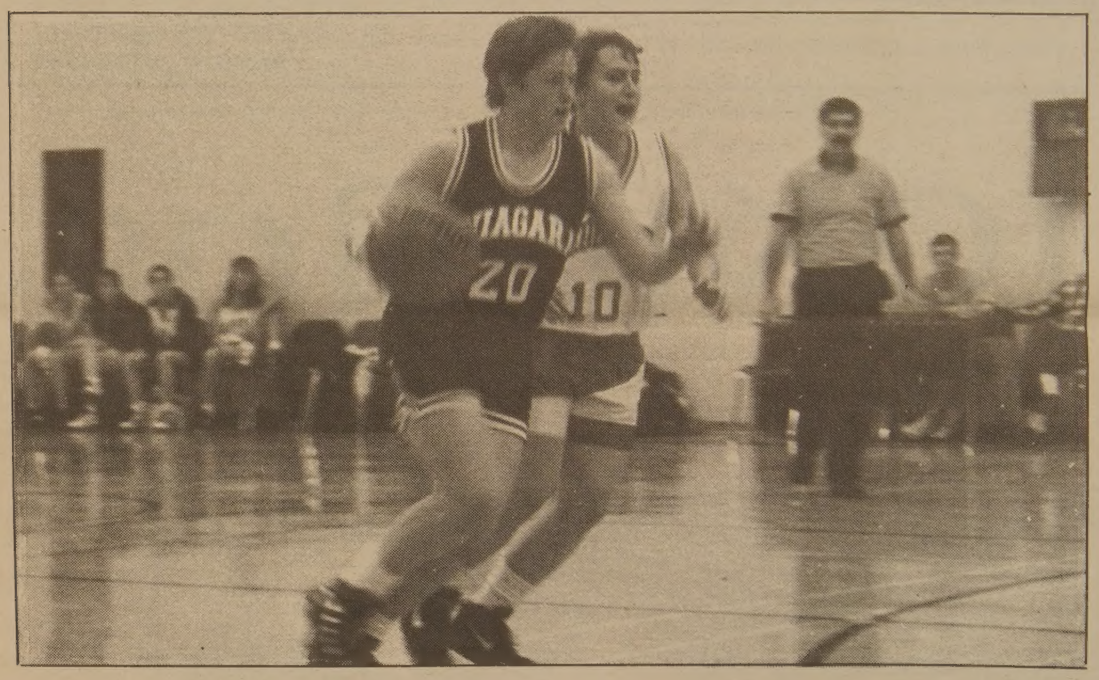
Roy finished the contest with 18 points, followed by Julie McLaren's 12, Holden's eight, Pring's four, and three points from Stephanie Lawson.

Niagara's next game at home is tonight against Toronto's George Brown College at 6 p.m.

Allay-oop

Shelley Holden (22), of the Knights, snatches the ball away from one of the Redeemer players as teammates Manie Roy (44) and Julie McLaren (42) look on. The Royals were stunned as the Knights took the win 47-45.

Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.



Michelle Pring flies by a Redeemer defender as she takes off for the score in the Knights' win.

Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

OCAA we're on our way

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

Niagara College's badminton team has some work to do.

"Our ladies double team will go past the regionals, while our first-year guys' teams will have some work to do because of the lack of experience they have," said badminton coach Dave Carpenter.

Niagara will be sending four teams to the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) badminton championships at St. Clair College in Windsor on Feb. 9 and Feb. 10.

"You don't know how well a team will do. Anyone can have a great game or a lousy one," said Carpenter.

The teams include two men's singles teams of Kan Lee and Chris Fredrich, a men's double team of Adam Cunningham and Tim Harrold, and a women's doubles team of Cindy Emery and Chris Audit.

"We have plenty of guys and hardly any women. It's the same story every year," said Carpenter, adding the lack of female teams and players, penalizes Niagara in points for each event in which female players are not entered.

"It's hard to know where a team is from practice to practice. And it's hard to know if what I've taught them is working. I'll have to wait till the tournament," he said.

The OCAA Championships will be held Feb. 24 and 25 at Fanshawe College in London.

Niagara coach remains positive despite record

By JOHN EATON
Staff Writer

It's been a pretty tough year for the women's volleyball team at Niagara College.

Niagara's record is one win and eight defeats following a three game to one loss to Lambton College from Sarnia on Jan. 26.

Niagara came out strong with a 15-13 win in the first game, but lost the next three games by scores of 15-5, 15-3, 15-13.

Despite the loss, Niagara's coach Carolyn Schatz remains positive.

"This game was probably our best game yet," she said. "Hopefully, it isn't too late to turn this season around."

Niagara played in Ancaster against Redeemer College on Jan. 31 and faces Mohawk College in Hamilton tonight.

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Tough it up men if b-ball playoffs are in the future

By BRIAN BOWMAN
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They played with a restless abandon; but in the end, the result was disappointingly the same.

Niagara's men's basketball team produced a spirited 91-71 road loss to the nationally-ranked Humber College from Etobicoke in Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) regular season action on Jan. 24.

The Knights were led offensively by Paul Weekes' 16 points, 12 of which came from three-point range.

As a team, Niagara's been hot from outside, nailing a dozen treys against Toronto's George Brown College in their previous loss, and following that up with nine from long range against the Hawks.

Head coach Randy Conlon said he was pleased with his club's effort on the road against a tough Humber ball club, ranked ninth in the nation.

"We played well against a real good ball club," said the second-year coach. "They're real good. We put a scare into them right to the end — then they turned it up a notch — and we stopped scoring. The guys played hard."

The Knights trailed by 45-36 at the half, and by as little as two, with seven minutes to go. After that, it was all downhill.

"This (loss) makes it tough for us to make the playoffs," said a frustrated Conlon, whose team drops to 4-6 in the regular season.

"We need to win at least five out of our next six games to make the playoffs. It's obviously going to be tough, but hey, you never know what can happen."

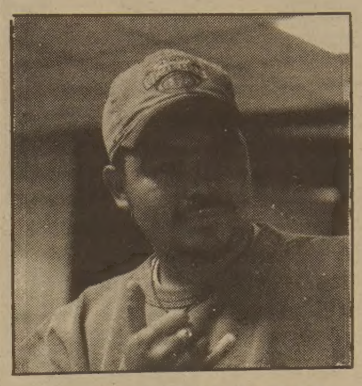
The Knights have a big four-game home stretch beginning with the Sault College of Sault Ste. Marie, winless this season, in town Feb. 2 to tip-off against the Knights.

This game will be followed by a must-win situation against the fourth-place St. Clair College of Windsor the following afternoon at 12:30 p.m.

St. Clair College, with a 6-3 record, is four points ahead of Niagara for the fourth and final playoff spot in the OCAA West Region.

SPORTS

Cowboys lucky team with help from Pittsburgh



By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

The Super Bowl XXX is over and now the talk about how great the Dallas Cowboys are starts.

Nobody will talk about how Dallas owes its win to Pittsburgh, and no one else.

At least it was a pretty good game and not a "Super blow out." The Steelers showed more than one thing to the rest of the National Football League (NFL) teams.

The Steelers showed they can beat the "mighty" Cowboys and how the National Football Conference's (NFC) dominance might be coming to an end.

It almost became true in last Sunday's game. The Steelers were on their way to a tying score, or the go-ahead touchdown, until quarterback Neil O'Donnell threw an interception, which setup the go-ahead touchdown for the Cowboys in their unconvincing 27-17 win.

It looked as though the Cowboys would take a 13-3 lead into halftime, but the Steelers would not allow it. In the first impressive drive of the game, the Steelers showed why they were at the Super Bowl by scoring a touchdown with nine seconds left in the half to make it 13-7.

The second half saw the Steelers come alive as their stingy defence forced the Cowboys to punt more times than they expected to. The Steelers' dominance was obvious, until O'Donnell's two costly (very costly) interceptions.

All in all, the biggest winners of the game were the fans who enjoyed one of the best Super Bowls since the New York Giants beat the Buffalo Bills 20-19. The game was one of those "what if" deals, where one is left to wonder what if the Steelers hadn't made the mistakes they did.

The Cowboys finished the night by saying how they are not finished and expect to be back for more.

Let's hope the rest of the teams in the NFL take notes from the Steelers, so that the rightful winner will come out on top at next year's Super Bowl, and not the luckiest team.

Knights come up big with 'huge' win on the road

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Niagara Knights took another step towards a playoff spot by taking a "huge" game against the Redeemer Royals in their own backyard, during men's volleyball action last Wednesday night.

The match began with the Knights looking a little offkey and allowing the Royals to take an early 3-0 lead. The battle continued with the teams tying at 10 all, but the Knights turned the heat on and took the set 15-13.

Niagara surpised the Royals for the second set by taking a quick 6-1 lead and the match 15-7.

The third set found the Royals mounting a counter-attack and battling the Knights hard enough for a seesaw lead. They finally overpowered the Knights taking the set 15-11.

The Knights seemed confused after they saw their early 6-1 lead turn into a 10-10 tie. The Royals fought hard but were quickly taken 14-11. Pat Deschambeault put an end to the game with a deadly kill for the match.

Assistant Coach Ray Sarkis said the game started off well but the Knights "slacked off" and allowed the Royal's full-hearted playing to become a factor.

He said the match was a "huge" game which the team could not afford to lose and is a right step towards the playoffs.

"The guys are starting to come together and they are looking good," said Sarkis.

Niagara's volleyball Knights dropped their first game of the new year, when they lost to the West Division leaders Cambrian Golden Shields in Sudbury — three sets to two.

In the first set, both teams played intensely as they traded hits, blocks, and the lead before the Knights took the set 16-14. The second set saw the Knights make one unforced error after another to give Cambrian the set 15-4.

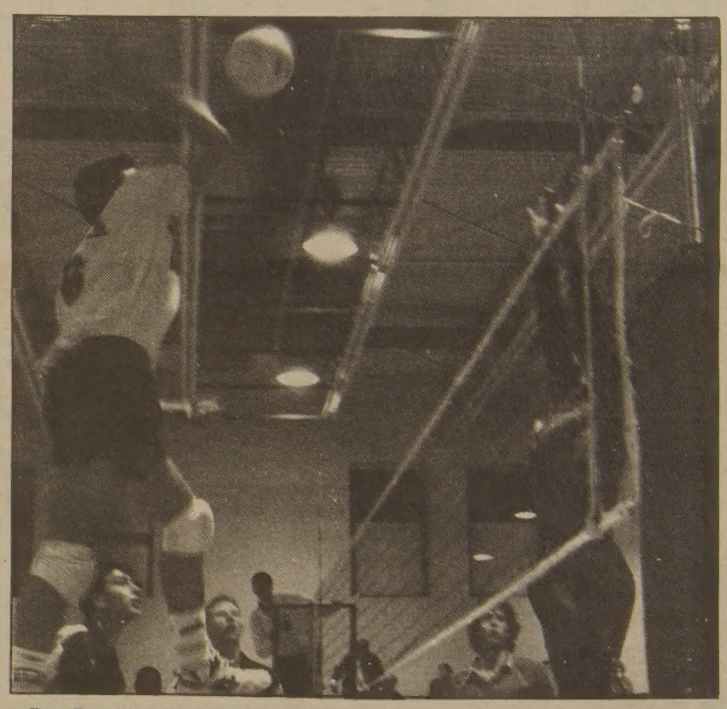
The third set went to the Golden Shields by a score of 15-9. The Knights would not be denied though, as they rallied from a 9-1 deficit to take the fourth set 15-13.

The game went into the fifth set where the Shields took a short-lived 6-0 lead and saw the Knights pull as close as 14-12, but losing 15-12 in the end.

Alexis Saddler had an outstanding game as he led the Knights with 23 kills while Paul Clark added 14 and Deschambeault with 13.

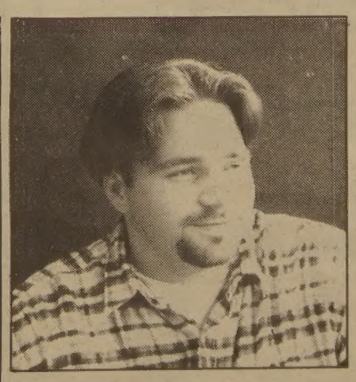
This loss leaves Niagara at 4-5 and still out of playoff contention, but they can still make it, said assistant coach Sarkis.

The Knights began a grueling week with the game in Ancaster against the Royals, followed by a trip to Hamilton tonight to play the Mohawk Mountaineers, finishing at home on tomorrow against the Canadore Panthers.



Pat Deschambeault catches the Redeemer Royals off guard with a beautiful set up and the kill, in the Knights' win.
Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

The Magic, the great, and the homeless



By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

The sports world is bursting with hope and tension.

The Canadian Football League (CFL) might be returning to Montreal. The city has been devoid of a team since the folding of the Alouettes just days into the 1987 season.

Jim Speros, the owner of the Baltimore Stallions, has to make a choice between Montreal and Houston. If he has any brains, he might look around the United States and see the rest of the American teams are dying or have disappeared. Canada is the only safe bet for the CFL.

Speros said in a news report last week, he didn't see any major stumbling blocks for the team, preventing a move to Montreal. Things won't be settled until the National Football League's board of governors votes on the move of the Cleveland Browns to Baltimore.

Magic has returned to the National Basketball Association (NBA) and the Los Angeles Lakers, making this season one of the greatest in history. Earvin (Magic) Johnson who tested positive for the HIV virus in 1991, retired Nov. 7, 1991, but decided to return to the game he made famous. It wasn't too long ago in 1992 that he had tried a return but he called it quits when a few NBA players said they wouldn't play against him. If Magic stays healthy he can still contribute some points. He can't take away from the Lakers he can only add.

In the world of hockey, the Los Angeles Kings have traded away right winger Rick Toochet to the Boston Bruins for left winger Kevin Stevens. Toochet who has suffered from back problems the past two seasons, has been one of the Kings' few bright spots.

Stevens who has recorded 40 goals a season or more, four times over his career, has seen his offensive output fall, but the Kings hope he can find his scoring touch again.

This trade could mean one of two things, they are going to build a contender this season or they are looking to fill the possible hole in scoring that may be left if Gretzky's traded.

The Toronto Maple Leafs could be one of the teams chasing Gretzky. Among their recent moves of veteran forwards Benoit Hogue and Randy Wood to the Dallas Stars for veteran center Dave Gagner and a sixth-round draft pick. If the Leafs make a bid for the "Great One" the deal could include any of the following, Doug Gilmour, Dave Gagner, tough guy Ken Baumgartner, prospect Sean Haggerty and a first or second round draft pick.

Whoever picks up Gretzky should be looking for some type of guarantee he'll stick around for two more years. It's hoped the trade will be done soon or a new agreement reached with the Kings so people can start to focus on what really counts, the playoffs.

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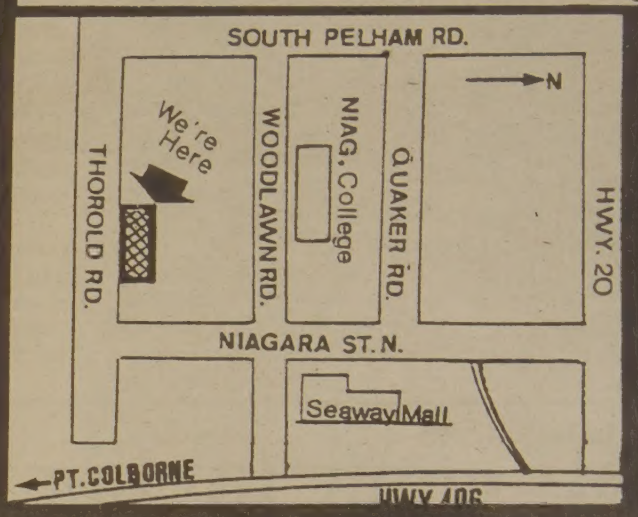

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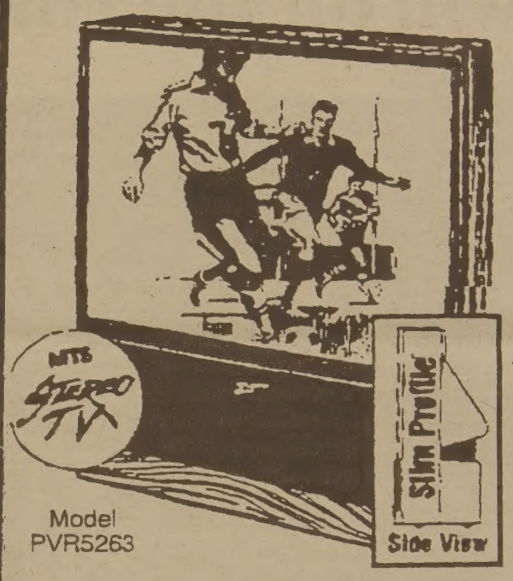

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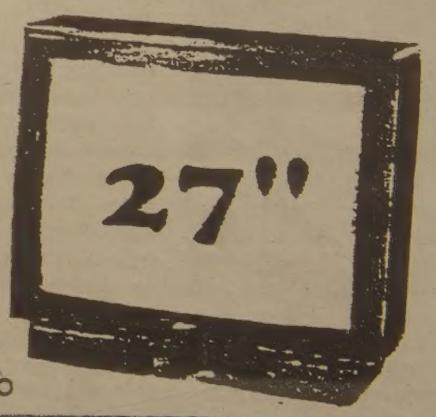

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Niagara surfs into the future

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
Staff Writer

In the future, Niagara College courses will be offered on the Internet. The future at Niagara, means September.

TELOS, an independent Belleville, Ont., company, is a closed network allowing students to take individual courses as part of distance education.

In January, the pilot project commenced at Niagara College. It's operated and organized from Loyalist College in Belleville.

Foster Zanutto, director of Continuing Education, says because this format is in its "experimental stage" only the faculty members are participating.

Zanutto describes distance education as "individual learning and not having to be at a certain time and place."

"TELOS is the technical service provider for Continuing Education students," says Marti Jurmain, director of new product development.

"TELOS shows how to contact and provides the technical support when necessary."

Jurmain is one of the people involved in this pilot project; she is taking the advanced E-mail course. The $126 fee includes normal costs plus the long distance telephone charges.

Zanutto says the long distance charges for calling Belleville apply until TELOS and the colleges are able to use the Internet.

Jurmain says the goal of distance learning education is the same as a correspondence course, this a delivery method for new students to be educated.

"Teachers need to set protocols, much like any other classroom, operating guidelines," says Jurmain.

"Communication is changing, it is an always accessible wealth of information," says Zanutto adding the teacher's role is changing "in many instances" as in the case of correspondence school where "delivery from teacher to student is offered in a non-traditional format."

Beth Weldon, Niagara's director of information services, says as myth that cyberspace threatens the teaching profession, "there will always be a place for an experienced teacher . . . someone to interpret the research."

Jurmain says distance education is big, and far more than just an online delivery adding "where it differs is how it's delivered technically."

However, there is a catch. To participate students need an IBM computer 286 or better and a modem.

"As of September students can get involved in regular courses at Niagara College and take additional classes outside of the curriculum," says Zanutto.

Students who take these courses conceivably may not see an instructor more than three or four times a year, if at all.

He says resources available "are just so huge it should facilitate our learning decision-making."

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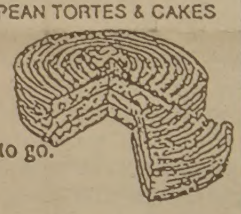

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This year, Niagara College must elect one Administration Member, one Support Member, and one Student to the Board of Governors for the following terms:

- **ADMINISTRATION - SEPTEMBER 1, 1996 TO AUGUST 31, 1999**
- **SUPPORT - SEPTEMBER 1, 1996 TO AUGUST 31, 1999**
- **STUDENT - SEPTEMBER 1, 1996 TO AUGUST 31, 1997**

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- **FULL- AND PART-TIME STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA PROGRAM AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1996**
- **ADULT TRAINING STUDENTS ATTENDING THE COLLEGE AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1996**

Nominations will be received from February 1 to February 14, 1996, inclusive. Nomination forms together with information about the number of meetings and the role and responsibilities of Governors will be available from the Board Secretary, H-4, and at all balloting stations shown below except the Cafeteria. Each nomination requires two seconders from the nominee's constituent group.

Campaigning will take place from February 19 to March 3, 1996, inclusive. Balloting will take place on March 4, 5 and 6, 1996 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. with votes counted on March 7. Continuing Education students registered in a program leading to a Diploma or Certificate will be able to vote between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m in the Continuing Education Office in Hennepin Hall (H-21) on the Welland Campus or the Second Floor Office at the St. Catharines Campus. Ballot packages and ballot boxes will be available at the following locations:

- **WELLAND CAMPUS**
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Voters' lists will be available for checking from February 20-26, 1996, inclusive, at all above locations except the Cafeteria. In order to vote, your name must be on the Voters' list. The last day for revision to the Voters' list is February 26.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Relaxing Chocolate Milk

By STEPHANIE TURTON
Staff Writer

Charles & Eddie took a well-deserved break following the release of their first album, **Duophonic**, which sold 1.2 million copies worldwide and gave birth to the chart-topping single *Would I Lie To You*.

Chocolate Milk, the duo's second album released in 1995 by Capitol Records, contains 16 tunes including originals written by the pair and their producer Josh Deutsch.

To create a very satisfying classy soul album, Charles & Eddie used their dissimilarities.

"On the first album we stressed the sameness between our races and styles," said Philadelphia-raised Charles Pettigrew, in a press release. "We didn't want you to know when one voice left off and the other came in. This time we tried to hold up our differences....We can get that much more out of each other because we're not alike."

Eddie Chacon, of Oakland, said they both "brought in new elements to what was already a good working situation."

Sunshine and Happiness seems to indicate a theme of childhood innocence with lyrics saying "one man's color is another man's pain, but deep inside we're all the same." This song celebrates racial differences as well as harmony, indicating different things make different people happy.

Their funk version of the '70s reggae hit *Keep On Smilin'* will give your ears five minutes and 11 seconds of pure delight. Its fun and catchy beat leads you into equally gratifying and stimulating tracks.

Chocolate Milk is an album you will replay because the songs are fun, relaxing and cheerful. The voices blend well together creating a pleasant harmony of Pettigrew's silky crooning and Chacon's hypnotizing voice.

Learning Canadian culture

After wanting to learn more about Canadian culture, Shigeri Kamimura, of Japan, participates in the cultural workshop on Thursday, Jan. 25 in the Aboriginal Lounge S102A. Kamimura is in the English as a Second Language program at Niagara College. See Page 16 for story.

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39. JUST LIKE ANYONE	SOUL ASYLUM
40. BRUSH AWAY	ALICE IN CHAINS

Love Is ... in stores

By STEPHANIE TURTON
Staff Writer

Love Is... "14 of the most romantic songs ever," boasts the back of the CD cover.

BMG Music Canada Inc. has filled this album with great classics.

Listening to this CD will bring you back to the '80s with timeless romantic melodies such as *All Out Of Love* by Air Supply, *Broken Wings* by Mr. Mister and *Love In The First Degree* by Alabama.

This is an album similar to those you may not have had the guts to order with your credit card from a 1-800 number advertised on television, but this collection of love songs is for sale at record stores across Canada.

Almost an hour-long, **Love Is...** will set the perfect mood for a candle-light dinner you and your Valentine will never forget.

It might impress your Valentine to know that you spent your hard-earned dollars ($19.29 for CDs and $11.29 for cassettes) on an album containing remarkable hits from popular artists.

Available now, this album is just in time for Valentine's Day gift giving. Look for TV commercials advertising the compilation of artists which make up **Love Is...**

The national television campaign began Friday, Jan. 19, and will be airing 30-second commercials for four weeks around shows including Friends, ER, Wings, Mad About You, Chicago Hope, Oprah, Donahue, day-time soaps, Melrose Place, Frasier and prime-time movies.

Carnival starts today

By PATTY MALLAIS
and JENNIFER BACON
Staff Writers

It's time to party.

Welland's 33rd annual winter carnival is set to begin today, and will run until Feb. 12.

The coronation ball will kick off the festivities at the Croatian National Home, 6 Broadway Ave., at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

On Saturday, French Canadian Carnival Day will celebrate Welland's French community with a pancake breakfast. This will be followed by log-sawing and nail-hammering contests as well as euchre and dart tournaments and snow sculpturing.

A Snow Poker Rally will be held at the Welland Snowmobile Club on Memorial Park Drive on Sunday. Breakfast will be held between 9 a.m. and noon. Participants are eligible to win up to $70 in cash prizes.

The Seaway Mall will be hosting an arts and crafts show and sale on Friday, Feb. 9. The display will run between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A skating party will follow at Chippawa Park on First Avenue from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. with free coffee and hot chocolate.

The Welland Main Arena on King Street will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 7 a.m. until noon followed by a skating party, at the Main arena, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A snowmobile parade, free pancake breakfast, hockey, figure skating and broomball will round out the last day of events.

For more information about events and locations, contact Rose Smith, 732-1515.

A new graphic image

By LYN DUNLAP
Staff Writer

A new graphic image will soon be used to help identify the Aboriginal Department at Niagara College.

When the idea was first brought to the college's attention, it was rejected on the basis the college already has a logo.

If every department were able to make their own logo, then the college's logo would become insignificant and no longer be needed.

The new graphic image, as it can not be referred to as a logo, first had to meet the approval of the college's marketing and communications department and the Aboriginal Education Management Circle (AEMC).

It was created by Victor Burns, a first-year Visual and Creative Arts program student at Niagara College.

The graphic will be used on letterhead, business cards and posters.

The posters will mainly be used for recruitment, helping students identify more closely with the college.

"When spokepersons go out to high schools, native students show interest, but that's where it ends," says Wendy Johnson-Martin, manager of the aboriginal education access office, AEMC.

"Seeing this may give the students a feeling that there is something they can relate to at the college."

ESBCOhost

By PAULINE POSTILL
Staff Writer

Niagara College students are benefiting from a joint project of all 26 Ontario community colleges.

ESBCOhost is an Internet accessible database for periodical literature.

It includes 3,000 summarized journals and full-text articles from 650 journals in business, health and social sciences.

During the test period, each college has accessibility to two terminals. One terminal is available for staff in the Management Information Services sanctuary in the Lundy building. The student terminal is at the St. Catharines campus Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

"To access the ESBCOhost database, students at the St. Catharines campus must be registered as full-time students for the current term," said Trish Labonte, head librarian at the Welland campus.

Students will also be required to obtain a VAX student account number.

Instructions for obtaining account numbers are available at the St. Catharines LRC.

"Creating computer accounts is relatively straightforward," said Labonte. "Three pieces of info will be required."

Once the account number has been verified, the database will be available within 24 hours.

"The volume of traffic on the Internet seems to be increasing astronomically," Labonte said. "There are frequent delays in getting a response.

"It seems as though the best hours for searching are the morning hours.

"We hope students will be able to test EBSCOhost while it is here on a free trial until April. We would appreciate comments from students on continuing the service once the test period is over," said Labonte.

IEEE to help classes

By BOB GILES
Staff Writer

Founded in 1884, The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) promotes the development of electrotechnology and allied sciences.

The IEEE is a worldwide technical professional society serving more than 310,000 electrical engineers, scientists, and other professionals in 150 countries.

Niagara College's branch of the IEEE assembles parts kits for the students, and sells the kits to them slightly above cost.

The profits are put back into the program by buying hardware, software, and updating the program's library.

The IEEE student membership is open to beginning and graduate students who are enrolled in at least 50 per cent of a full-time course of study in electrical, electronics or computer engineering of computer sciences, or in an allied branch of engineering, engineering technology or the related arts and sciences.

The main chapter for the area is in Hamilton. The IEEE helps individuals or classes with problems, which, in turn, could help the faculty.

At least two teachers in the various program are graduates of the college.

Alumni to help students

By JOHN ROUSSEL
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Alumni Foundation is making bursaries available to assist students in need.

There will be five bursaries available worth $300.

"The alumni want to help students finish their education," says Lewis Silvestri, a part-time English teacher at the college and a member of the Niagara College Alumni Foundation.

The criteria for eligiblity for the bursaries is a financial need, a student's commitment to continue his or her studies, and a 70 per cent average. Students must be going into second or third year to apply.

The foundation is also making available 10 emergency loans worth $100. Students can apply for these loans through the Student Life and Success Office.

The money for the loans and bursaries was raised by the Alumni Foundation through a phone-a-thon held in October and through the sale of frames that can be purchased at graduation to display diplomas.

Inquiries about the frames can be made to Martha Gleddie, special events co-ordinator at the Niagara College Foundation, or at 988-5211.

Award up for grabs

The memory of Walter Bell lives

By NETHA NEVERSON
Staff Writer

The memory of Walter Bell lives on with the fifth annual Walter Bell Memorial Award in advertising.

Bell was a Toronto-based writer in the advertising industry for many years. The award was established in 1991 after his death in 1990.

His colleagues established a memorial scholarship/award, so that his "creativity and human qualities may live on forever."

The award honors a student who's writing exhibits exemplary writing skills and humane qualities.

The recipient of the award will receive a $1,000 scholarship, plus an inside look of the advertising business in the form of one-month's paid employment at each of the sponsoring companies.

The companies sponsoring the awards include MacLAREN:LINTAS, BBDO, Padulo Padulo Integrated Inc., Kessier Productions, McKim Advertising and Supercorp, all advertising agencies in Toronto.

Nominees are selected by the professor of each institution across the country. The professor will select one or two students from the graduating class, who shows exemplary writing skills and particularly desirable human qualities.

When selected, the student is asked to submit a television commercial script of 15, 30, 60, or 90-seconds long.

The subject of the script should be related to some charitable or compelling societally conscious cause.

The criteria for judging the entries are the creativity of the commercial. The entries will be judge by creative members of the sponsoring companies and the Bessie judging panel. Government guidelines and regulation will apply to the Walter Bell entries. The entries will also be judged on the same criteria as many professional television commercials.

Deadline for entries is Feb. 23. The winner will be notified in March and announced at the 1996 Bessie Awards on May 2.

The final winners will be decided by the Bessie judges. The judging committee decision is final.

With notes from Catherine Henry of Television Bureau of Canada.

Conference to be held to eliminate violence

Speaking out is the key to preventing violence

CAVEAT wants to make

Canada a safer
place to live.

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

Speaking out is the key to preventing violence.

A conference to inspire action and eliminate violence will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 3530 Schmon Pkwy., in Thorold on Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The conference started in May 1994 by people who wanted to publicly speak out against violence.

"We need to be working harder together by organizing a number of groups, agencies and holding meetings," says Maureen Ott, chair of the Niagara Violence Prevention Coalition.

Some meetings have dealt with issues such as gun control and a presentation on Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission media violence.

There will be three keynote speakers who have already initiated violence prevention. They include: Priscilla de Villiers, president of CAVEAT; W.I. James Harding, head of investigative operations with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General; and Gillian Dooley, executive director of Women's Place, a women's shelter.

The conference is sponsored by the Niagara Violence Prevention Coalition and funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health.

Books donated

By JENNIFER TURNER
Staff Writer

The Book Depot on Welland Avenue in St. Catharines has donated $70 worth of books to a Niagara College program in Welland.

"They donated 10 different books that are geared to the social service field as a sense of community service," said Phil Durrant, co-ordinator of Social Service Worker program.

He said the books will be used for reference books "specifically for the Social Service Worker program and to help students with specific assignments that are part of the program.

"There is a tremendous variety," said Durrant.

The books are related to social work with children of alcoholics, grief recovery, depression, adult survivors of child sexual abuse, co-dependancy and addiction, eating disorders and reconstituted families.

"We appreciate their support and encourage students to go see this place."

Native workshop fun for all

By LYN DUNLAP
Staff Writer

A native craft workshop is sparking international interest.

The cultural workshop held in the Aboriginal Lounge S102A on Jan. 25 was just that — a cultural workshop.

At one end of the room, some participants spoke in their native tongue — Japanese, and at another table — English was spoken, while native art work was strewn in front of both work stations.

One of the students who took part was Shigeri Kamimura from Niagara College's English as a Second Language program. She is from Japan and has been attending the college for almost a year.

"I was interested in, and wanted to learn more about Canadian culture," says Kamimura. "I heard of the workshops from my teacher and thought this would be a good way to learn because it makes it fun as well."

Loretta Bourget, 64, of Cape Croker, Ont., is teaching the art of making mocassins for the four-week session.

Bourget says she does a lot of different native crafts and sells them or makes them as gifts.

It is a hobby she began when she was 19, but in the last four years has taken more time for it.

"Honestly, I would rather make the crafts myself than teach others how," says Bourget. "The crafts are not difficult to make, but it does take time to learn."

Students can gain more than experience at job fair

By RONALD DUGUAY
Staff Writer

Welcome to the fair.

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre (HTC) in Niagara Falls hosted its second Job Fair in as many years.

Nine companies were on hand to participate in a program designed to assist students in their co-op placements.

Maria Canham, co-op consultant at the HTC, said last year's turnout was a good one.

She said students are encouraged to discuss their interests with the various employers attending the fair.

"We hope students will end up with interviews for their co-op placement or for future job prospects."

Job Fair is primarily for Hotel and Restaurant Administration and Tourism—Tours and Attractions program students. Culinary Skills program students (non co-op) and adult-training students also participate in the program.

Dan Patterson, Niagara College president, welcomed the students and participating companies to Job Fair.

Patterson said programs such as this enable top people in the tourism industry from around the world to come to Niagara College.

"We're a very important engine in economic growth. Job fairs like this are critical to us," said Patterson.

Lori McGregor, banquet manager at the Pillar and Post Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake, said applications were being accepted for summer recruitment.

"We try to spread them (students) out to different departments to enable more students to get placements."

Ralf Bretzigheimer, the Inn's executive chef, said the students get hands-on work.

"They get quite a bit of exposure to all aspects of the business to help them deal with stress in the real world.

"It's important for them to have the schooling and the practical experience," he said.

Christine Kovich, staffing manager for Taco Bell of Canada, said they are enthusiastic in taking students on in their stores across Canada.

"We find people who would be suited for the business. There's always opportunity in our company for advancement . . . we look for people with prospective managing skills."

Vince Marcotte, Casino Windsor's assistant director of human resources, said they want to get known and are looking for students interested in the casino world.

"The summer months are very busy. We will be operating 24 hours a day. Every time one position is implemented, three jobs are created."

He said Casino Windsor is unionized with Canadian Auto Workers.

"Wage rates are about the same for students as well as for any other employee in that position."

Michael Liu, 23, a first-year Hotel and Restaurant Administration program student, said there are some opportunities at Job Fair, but variety was limited.

"It's not enough. There are only nine employers here. I was hoping to see more companies here from Toronto."

Gary McHale, 39, of Williamsville, N.Y., an alumni of the Hotel and Restaurant Administration program (1981), is eligible for the co-op placement program.

He has been working in Canada for the past two years under a visa.

He said in comparing work availability in Canada to the U.S., the U.S. had more service-related jobs, although the economy is "similar."

"The biggest thing is that the U.S. seems to be about four years ahead in food and beverage trends.

They (U.S.) seem to be making the wave and Canada is picking it up and riding it," said McHale.

Other companies involved in the program were Hoco Ltd./Venture Inn, Quality Inn Fallsway; Canadian Society of Club Managers; Red Lobster of Canada; Little Caesar's of Canada; and CP Hotels and Resorts.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson, right, chats with Media and Design Division director Larry Taylor, left and Maria Canham, co-op consultant, at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre's Job Fair held Jan. 24.

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Fund-raising buys supplies

By CELESTE DISTEFANO
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Fund-raising is a new learning outcome.

A Valentine's Day basket raffle is being used as a fund-raising event by the parent-advisory group for Niagara College's Child Care Centre.

The money will buy supplies and equipment, said Pat Eversden, manager of the centre in Welland.

The tickets will be sold by Early Childhood Education (ECE) students, parents and program teachers. The cost is $1 or three for $2 and are available at the day care centre on Jan. 30.

The winner will be announced on Feb. 14, 1996.

An advisory committee-sponsored garage sale, on Saturday, April 20, will be held at the Welland campus cafeteria, Black Walnut building. Sale proceeds will also help fund the centre.

Spring is coming up in color

By LEAH LAPRISE
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Despite the cold and snowy winter, everything is coming up roses at Niagara College's Horticulture Centre in Niagara Falls.

Only it's not roses that are coming up this season.

Tom Ball, co-ordinator of the Horticulture Technician program, says their crop of Easter Lillies is "up and going" for the Easter season.

However, Ball says most of fall and winter are spent getting ready for the Horticulture's annual open house.

Thousands of residents of the Niagara Region and beyond visit the Horticulture Centre every year for this annual event.

The event is organized by staff and students and attracts members of the gardening public.

Thousands of bed plants grown by students are for sale at the open house.

"Everyone is welcome," says Ball, who wants to make everyone aware of the open house. "Please come down and share this with us."

This year's open house is scheduled for March 23 and 24 at the Niagara College Horticulture Centre, 360 Niagara St., St. Catharines.